



ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD ACADEMIC YEAR 2005-06

945 West Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ 85220

Apex Public Charter Academy dba Apex Public Academy

AZ LEARNS¹

Elementary Achievement Profile (a)

2004-05 Performing Plus
2003-04 Not Evaluated
2002-03 Small School

(a) For additional information, please refer to Achievement Profiles Page near end of document.

No Child Left Behind

Adequate Yearly Progress (b)

2004-05 Met
2003-04 Not Met
2002-03 Met

School Improvement Status (b)

2004-05 N/A
2003-04 N/A
2002-03 N/A

(b) For additional information, please refer to the AYP page in this report card.

Arizona's report cards have been revised to include requirements in the federal No Child Left Behind Act, such as Adequate Yearly Progress and the disaggregation of student level data into required subgroups.

School Overview

Principal/Administrator : Mr. Randy Cook
Schedule : 07:30 AM to 06:00 PM
Grades : 6-8
2005 Enrollment : 57
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Mission

Literacy is the focus at Apex Academy. Literacy in reading, writing, and critical thinking is the foundation for all of life's achievements; therefore, in teaching reading and writing across the curriculum, we ensure our student's ultimate success in contributing to a free society.

School / Academic Goals

- ü All students will master and move beyond the Arizona Academic Standards.
- ü Students will show significant academic improvement in comprehensive literacy skills which include reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing, presenting, and thinking.
- ü Apex students will experience significant improvement on the AIMS math test.

Enrollment

October 1, 2004 School Year Student Enrollment : 38
Accepting New Students in 2005-06 Under Open Enrollment Law : ² Yes
Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2004-05 : 35

Instructional Programs

- Ü Comprehensive Literacy Skills
- Ü Integrated Instruction
- Ü Technology-based Learning
- Ü Service Learning Program
- Ü After -School Tutoring

Calendar Information

Number of Instruction Days :	180
Average Daily Instruction Time :	6 hours 41 minutes
First Day of School :	8/15/2005
Last Day of School :	6/7/2006

Shared Responsibilities

School

Parent/guardians contacted daily concerning student absences. Open House and Information Forum twice yearly. Progress report and report cards mailed each block. Consistent verbal/written contact from teacher's regarding student academic and behavioral progress. E-mail contact is available for communication with entire staff. After-school tutoring and remediation is available so students can benefit from extended academic support outside the classroom instructional hours.

Parents

Mandatory interview with parent and student upon enrollment. Become familiar with school policies and expectations and sign parent letter of support. Hold student accountable for all behavioral and academic expectations communicated in the student handbook and communicated during the enrollment interview. Attend parent/teacher conferences. Participate on field trips and other school activities. Support your child in all school endeavors.

Transportation Policy

Students may utilize transportation if they live outside a 1 mile radius of the school facility. Behavioral expectations are the same as those described in the student contract/agreement.

School Honors

Awards or Special Recognition Received By the School, Staff or Students

Award/Honor	Year
Ü NFL Flag Football Regional Champions	2004

Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) Results 2004-05 ³

8th Grade

Mathematics	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	19	19	78250	100	100	99	563	563	548	11	11	21	22	22	18	44	44	48	22	22	13
All Students (Prior Year)	24	24	75001	100	100	99	441	441	468	61	61	37	26	26	36	9	9	16	4	4	10
Female	12	12	38071	100	100	99	556	556	549	20	20	20	20	20	19	40	40	49	20	20	12
Male	NC	NC	40126	NC	NC	99	NC	NC	547	NC	NC	23	NC	NC	17	NC	NC	46	NC	NC	14
African American	--	--	4058	--	--	99	--	--	523	--	--	32	--	--	22	--	--	41	--	--	5
Hispanic	--	--	29129	--	--	99	--	--	527	--	--	32	--	--	23	--	--	40	--	--	6
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1747	--	--	100	--	--	589	--	--	9	--	--	9	--	--	50	--	--	32
American Indian/Alaskan Native	NC	NC	4996	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	518	NC	NC	36	NC	NC	25	NC	NC	36	NC	NC	4
White	17	17	38320	100	100	99	553	553	568	13	13	12	25	25	14	50	50	55	13	13	19
Students with Disabilities	--	--	9329	--	--	100	--	--	454	--	--	64	--	--	18	--	--	16	--	--	2
Students without Disabilities	17	17	68996	100	100	99	563	563	561	11	11	16	22	22	18	44	44	52	22	22	14
Limited English Proficient Students	--	--	10133	--	--	100	--	--	488	--	--	45	--	--	25	--	--	28	--	--	2
Migrant Students	--	--	83	--	--	NA	--	--	520	--	--	39	--	--	28	--	--	30	--	--	4
Economically Disadvantaged	12	12	33388	100	100	94	551	551	530	17	17	32	33	33	22	33	33	40	17	17	5
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	NC	NC	44937	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	561	NC	NC	13	NC	NC	15	NC	NC	54	NC	NC	18

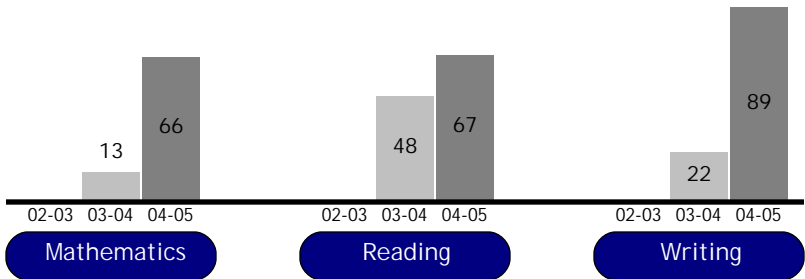
Reading	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	19	19	78302	100	0	99	518	518	512	0	0	11	33	33	25	67	67	57	0	0	7
All Students (Prior Year)	24	24	74918	100	100	99	501	501	497	30	30	32	22	22	19	35	35	35	13	13	15
Female	12	12	38082	100	0	99	507	507	518	0	0	8	40	40	24	60	60	61	0	0	7
Male	NC	NC	40166	NC	NC	99	NC	NC	507	NC	NC	14	NC	NC	26	NC	NC	54	NC	NC	6
African American	--	--	4064	--	--	100	--	--	498	--	--	14	--	--	29	--	--	54	--	--	3
Hispanic	--	--	29152	--	--	99	--	--	492	--	--	17	--	--	34	--	--	46	--	--	2
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1746	--	--	100	--	--	542	--	--	5	--	--	13	--	--	66	--	--	16
American Indian/Alaskan Native	NC	NC	4993	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	484	NC	NC	19	NC	NC	38	NC	NC	42	NC	NC	1
White	17	17	38347	100	0	99	513	513	531	0	0	5	38	38	17	63	63	68	0	0	10
Students with Disabilities	--	--	9353	--	--	100	--	--	429	--	--	40	--	--	38	--	--	22	--	--	1
Students without Disabilities	17	17	69024	100	0	99	518	518	524	0	0	7	33	33	23	67	67	62	0	0	7
Limited English Proficient Students	--	--	10140	--	--	100	--	--	451	--	--	28	--	--	43	--	--	29	--	--	1
Migrant Students	--	--	83	--	--	NA	--	--	480	--	--	29	--	--	36	--	--	35	--	--	0
Economically Disadvantaged	12	12	33398	100	0	94	510	510	495	0	0	18	50	50	35	50	50	46	0	0	2
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	NC	NC	44979	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	525	NC	NC	6	NC	NC	18	NC	NC	66	NC	NC	10

Writing	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	19	19	78094	100	100	99	554	554	545	0	0	3	11	11	18	89	89	77	0	0	2
All Students (Prior Year)	24	24	74503	100	100	99	432	432	491	17	17	9	61	61	32	22	22	51	0	0	8
Female	12	12	38025	100	100	99	562	562	558	0	0	2	0	0	13	100	100	82	0	0	2
Male	NC	NC	40013	NC	NC	99	NC	NC	534	NC	NC	5	NC	NC	23	NC	NC	71	NC	NC	1
African American	--	--	4037	--	--	99	--	--	532	--	--	4	--	--	22	--	--	73	--	--	1
Hispanic	--	--	29068	--	--	99	--	--	523	--	--	5	--	--	27	--	--	67	--	--	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1743	--	--	100	--	--	577	--	--	2	--	--	9	--	--	82	--	--	8
American Indian/Alaskan Native	NC	NC	4981	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	526	NC	NC	4	NC	NC	25	NC	NC	70	NC	NC	0
White	17	17	38265	100	100	99	550	550	564	0	0	2	13	13	11	88	88	84	0	0	3
Students with Disabilities	--	--	9275	--	--	100	--	--	444	--	--	14	--	--	46	--	--	39	--	--	1
Students without Disabilities	17	17	68892	100	100	98	554	554	559	0	0	2	11	11	14	89	89	82	0	0	2
Limited English Proficient Students	--	--	10084	--	--	100	--	--	474	--	--	10	--	--	39	--	--	50	--	--	1
Migrant Students	--	--	81	--	--	NA	--	--	504	--	--	12	--	--	27	--	--	60	--	--	0
Economically Disadvantaged	12	12	33296	100	100	94	554	554	527	0	0	5	17	17	27	83	83	67	0	0	0
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	NC	NC	44871	NC	NC	100	NC	NC	559	NC	NC	2	NC	NC	12	NC	NC	84	NC	NC	3

NC = Not Calculated (less than 10 students) Dashes (--) = No Data Available NA = Not Applicable S = School D = District

Recent Trends in Student Proficiency on the State Standards (AIMS Test)

8th Grade Proficiency



The graph includes the percentage of students that met or exceeded the standards. NC = Not Calculated. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten (10) students have been replaced with NC.

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP) FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2004-05

The table below shows the schools that met or did not meet based on federal AYP requirements. To meet AYP for the year, all applicable goals must be met.

AYP Determination	Met Percent Tested?	Y
	Met Test Objectives?	Y
	Met Attendance Rate?	Y
	Met Graduation Rate?	Not Evaluated
	Made AYP?	Yes

Glossary:

Adequate Yearly Progress

A measure of school performance as mandated by the federal government in the No Child Left Behind. AYP holds schools accountable for the performance of subgroups, as well as all students. AYP measures school toward the goal of having 100 percent of all students proficient in state standards for reading and math by 2013-14.

Met Percent Tested:

The school or district tested at least ninety-five percent (95%) of its students enrolled at the time of the test administration. Schools and districts must test at least 95 percent of their student in order to make AYP.

Met Test Objectives:

The percentage of students in the school or district that demonstrate proficiency in state standards by passing the AIMS test meets or exceeds the goal for that year. No Child Left Behind requires that Arizona set goals, called Annual Measurable Objectives, for the percentage of students passing AIMS for all public schools and districts in the state. The goals increase over time toward 100 percent passing by 2014. To meet the test objectives, every subgroup in the school must meet the Annual Measurable Objective.

Met Attendance Rate:

The school or district had an attendance rate of at least 90 percent over the first 100 days of the academic year. Schools and districts not serving high school students must have an attendance rate of 90 percent, or show a one-percentage-point improvement over the previous year, in order to make AYP.

Met Graduation Rate:

The school or district had a four-year graduation rate of 71 percent or greater. School or districts granting a high school diploma must have a graduation rate of 71 percent, or show a one-percentage-point improvement over the previous year, in order to make AYP.

Achievement Test Results

Stanford 9 and TerraNova/AIMS DPA

Grade	Content Area	2002-2003 (SAT9)				2003-2004 (SAT9)				2004-2005 (TerraNova)			
		%	Score	D	AZ	%	Score	D	AZ	%	Score	D	AZ
6	Reading	--	--	--	53	NC	NC	NC	56	83	46	46	51
	Language	--	--	--	45	NC	NC	NC	48	83	45	45	47
	Mathematics	--	--	--	62	NC	NC	NC	66	83	44	44	52
7	Reading	--	--	--	51	NA	50	NA	54	100	60	60	50
	Language	--	--	--	54	NA	63	63	58	100	59	59	52
	Mathematics	--	--	--	58	NA	50	50	62	100	51	51	50
8	Reading	--	--	--	53	100	44	NA	55	100	42	42	51
	Language	--	--	--	49	100	36	36	52	100	41	41	50
	Mathematics	--	--	--	58	100	46	46	61	100	45	45	53

Starting in Spring 2004-05, students were tested using AIMS DPA and TerraNova. AIMS DPA is a statewide assessment that is both standards-based, measuring student's knowledge against the Arizona Academic Standards, and norm-referenced, comparing student knowledge against students nationwide. TerraNova was administered to all students in grades 2 and 9. It is important to note the TerraNova/AIMS DPA and Stanford 9 test results are not comparable. For more information on the TerraNova and AIMS DPA, see our website at www.ade.az.gov/standards/

The Stanford 9 is a standardized, norm-referenced test. Since 1999, all students in grades 2 through 9 have been tested in Reading, Mathematics and Language. The percentage (%) of eligible students tested and the school's percentile ranks are listed above. State average percentile ranks for Arizona and District are provided for comparison. Note that the average percentile ranks for the nation are 50 for all content areas in all grades. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten students have been replaced with NC (not calculated) to protect student privacy. Some columns contain dashes (-) to indicate "no data available."

School Site Council

Council Composition

Council Duties

School Administrator(s)	Ü
Non-certified Employee(s)	Ü
Teacher(s)	Ü
Parent(s)	Ü
Community Member(s)	Ü
Student(s)	Ü

Staffing Information for School Year 2005-06

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	2.00	Teacher	2.32
Other Professional Staff	.25	Teacher Aide	.00

Years of Teaching Experience for School Year 2005-06

Experience	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Other
3 or fewer years	2	0	0	0
4 to 6 years	1	1	0	0
7 to 9 years	0	0	0	0
10 or more years	0	0	0	0

Highly Qualified (NCLB) School Year 2004-05

Core academic classes taught by Highly Qualified (NCLB) teachers.	8
Teachers with Emergency Certificaton.	.66
Percent of teachers in the school with Emergency/Provisional Certification	28%
Percent of core classes not taught by Hightly Qualified Teachers	0%

Resources Available at School Site

Special Facilities

- Ü Integrated Computer Lab
- Ü Accelerated Reader Library

Extracurricular Activities

- Ü Student Council
- Ü Yearbook
- Ü NFL Youth Flag Football Conference
- Ü Creative Arts Club

Social Services

- Ü Apache Junction Public Library
- Ü Pinal Gila Behavioral Health Association
- Ü Central Arizona College Outreach
- Ü Superstition Mountain Mental Health

Indicators of Success Based on Historical Data from 2004-05

School Achievements/Accomplishments 2004-05

- ü Apex students met the comprehensive literacy goal as demonstrated by double-digit increases in reading and writing on the AIMS test and significant improvement on internal/schoolwide traditional and performance-based assessments.
- ü Apex students experienced significant improvement on the AIMS math test as demonstrated by double-digit increases in students meeting/exceeding.
- ü Systematic improvement on state mandated assessments, internal CRT's and other performance-based assessments - all of which are aligned to state standards - indicates positive movement towards all students mastering Arizona State Standards.

Student Activity Rates for School Year 2004-05

	% School	Arizona		
		% K-6/UE	% 7-8	% 9-12/US
Attendance Rate ⁴	90	95	94	95
Transfers Out Rates ⁵	52	12	12	17
Transfers In Rate ⁶	110	28	28	37
Stability Rate ⁷	47	87	87	82
Promotion Rate ⁸	88	96	95	81
Retention Rate ⁹	8	1	1	3
Dropout Rate ¹⁰	2	0	1	6
Status Unknown ¹¹	2	0	1	4
Graduation Rate ¹²	NA	NA	NA	79

NA = Graduation rate does not apply to K-8.

K-6/UE - Kindergarten to Grade 6 including Ungraded Elementary (UE).

9-12/US - 9th grade to 12th grade including Ungraded Secondary (US).

School Safety

School-level Efforts to Ensure a Safe and Healthy Learning Environment

Apex Academy is a small, caring community which allows for close monitoring of student behavior. Respectful communication and positive interaction at all levels is expected and addressed. There are high expectations for positive student behavior. A peer mediation program is available for student conflicts. In addition, Apex has a sound crisis management plan in place.

Total number of incidents that occurred on the school grounds for school year 2004-05 that required the intervention of local, state or federal law enforcement (A.R.S.15-746.6) :

0

The Arizona Attorney General's Office has a hotline that allows students to report suspicious activities at schools and to get help with potentially violent situations, such as bullying, harassment, hate crimes, discrimination and gangs. The toll-free number, 1-877-900-1086, is anonymous and available 24 hours a day.

The Arizona Department of Education does not audit the information submitted by each school.

Contacts

	Name	Phone Number
School Site Council	Randy Cook	(480) 288-0337
Transportation Policy	Sharna Watson	(480) 288-0337
Community Resources	Randy Cook	(480) 288-0337
School Nutrition Programs		
Parent Organization		
Student Health/Nurse		

The Arizona School Report Card was prepared by the Arizona Department of Education using a standardized format to combine information provided by the local school with data compiled from state records. Each school has special strengths and needs, and all schools benefit from the active involvement of parents in their children's education. If you have questions about the report card or need more information, contact the school office. Arizona School Report Cards can be found for all schools at www.ade.az.gov/srcs on the Internet. "The Arizona Department of Education of the State of Arizona does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs, activities or in its hiring and employment practices. If you have questions or grievances related to this policy, please contact the Administrative Services DAS at (602) 542-3186."

Arizona's Achievement Profiles capture the performance level of every school.

DEFINITIONS:

Failing to Meet the Academic Standards - needs to meet state performance and state progress goals.

School performance has been designated as Underperforming for three consecutive years and a site review determined that the designation of Failing to Meet the Academic Standards was warranted.

Underperforming - needs to meet state performance and state progress goals.

Performing - meets state performance goals.

Performing Plus - above state performance goals, however the number of students exceeding the standard on the AIMS test is not sufficient to earn a highly performing or excelling label.

Highly Performing - above state performance goals or has demonstrated adequate improvement, in addition a significant number of students have exceeded the standard on the AIMS test.

Excelling - significantly above state performance goals, in addition a significant number of students have exceeded the standard on the AIMS test.

TITLE I TERMS

Title I School Improvement Year 1

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and support to the school in its school improvement efforts.

Title I School Improvement Year 2

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for three consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts.

Title I School Improvement Year 3 or Corrective Action

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for four consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must choose and implement at least one of six corrective actions. See Section 1116(b)(7) of NCLB for a list of the corrective action options.

Title I School Improvement Year 4 or Restructuring (Planning Phase)

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for five consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must prepare a restructuring plan and make necessary arrangements to carry out one of three restructuring activities. See Section 1116(b)(8) of NCLB for a list of the restructuring activities.

Title I School Improvement Year 5 or Restructuring (Implementation Phase)

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for six consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must prepare a restructuring plan and make necessary arrangements to carry out one of three restructuring activities. See Section 1116(b)(8) of NCLB for a list of the restructuring activities.

Footnotes

1 For an explanation of the Achievement Profiles, please visit our website at www.ade.az.gov/azlearns.

2 Under ARS 15-816, school district governing boards must implement open enrollment programs and establish policies covering admission criteria, application procedures and transportation provisions. For more information, contact the school district office.

3 Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) includes the reading, writing and mathematics subject areas. The proficiency levels include: Falls Far Below (FFB) the standard, Approaches (A) the standard, Meets or Met (M) the standard and Exceeds (E) the standard. MSS = Mean Scaled Score. The federal law, No Child Left Behind, requires disaggregation in subgroups and ethnicity. NC= Not Calculated. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten (10) students have been replaced with NC. For more information on testing and Arizona Academic Standards go to <http://www.ade.az.gov/AIMS/default.asp>

4 Attendance Rate: Percentage of students attending the first 100 days of the academic year.

5 Transfers Out: the rate at which students transfer out of a particular school relative to the school's original enrollment for a given school year.

6 Transfers In: the rate at which students transfer into a particular school relative to the school's original enrollment for a given school year.

7 Stability (s): the rate at which students starting the year at a particular school remain enrolled in that particular school until the end of a given school year.

8 Promotion Rate: Percentage of students promoted to the next grade or who met graduation requirements and received a traditional diploma at the end of the 2004-05 school year. Percentage includes students who left school at age 22 or who had completed school and received a non-traditional diploma.

9 Retention Rate: Percentage of students retained at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

10 Dropout Rate: Percentage of students counted as withdrawn due to chronic illness, expulsion or dropping out during the 2004-05 school year, to include activity during the summer of 2004. This rate includes students who were withdrawn after 10 consecutive days of unexcused absences or were coded by the school as "status unknown." The Promotion Rate, Retention Rate and Dropout Rate may not add to 100% due to the inclusion of summer activity in the Dropout Rate but not in the Promotion Rate and Retention Rate. For more information on the dropout rate study see our website at <http://www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/DropoutInfo/>

11 Annual Status Unknown: Percentage of students unaccounted for by any method during the 2004-05 school year. Annual status unknown students are not necessarily dropouts. For more information on status unknown, see our dropout rate study website at <http://www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/DropoutInfo/>

12 Graduation Rate: The graduation rate presented here is a 5 year cohort rate for the class of 2004. For more information on the Graduation Rate Study published by the ADE, please see our website at www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/grad.

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